

REMARKS

Of claims 1-19 contained in this application, claims 13-19 have been withdrawn from consideration, and claims 1 and 8 have been amended to more particularly point out the inventions. Reconsideration of this application in light of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Claim 8 is objected to because the term "fibrullar" is misspelled. The term has been corrected to read "fibrillar", so this objection should be moot.

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite because of the term "including". As this has been changed to "having", this rejection should be moot.

Claims 1-6, 9 and 11-12 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Ohgushi et al. Amended claim 1 now calls for a body having a first section containing a textured surface having a series of projections. Ohgushi et al does not teach the existence of a series of projections within the textured surface on the first section of the body. There is no suggestion of a textured surface having a series of projections. As claims 2-6, 9, and 11-12 all ultimately depend from claim 1, these should be patentable if claim 1 is patentable.

Claims 1-3, 6-7 and 9 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being

anticipated by Lee. Lee has absolutely no teaching of a textured surface on the outer surface of the body, and there is certainly no suggestion or teaching of a series of projections on the textured surface. As claims 2-3, 6-7 and 9 all ultimately depend from claim 1, these should be patentable if claim 1 is patentable.

Claims 1, 6, 8 and 11-12 stand rejected as being unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Ohgushi in view of Gayer. Claim 1 now calls for a textured surface having a series of projections on the textured surface. Ohgushi does not have a textured surface. Ohgushi does not have a textured surface having a series of projections; and although Gayer teaches fibrillar wire extending from the device, these extensions are not on a textured surface, as the claim now calls for. There is no teaching or suggestion in either reference of a series of projections extending from a textured surface. In addition, the device covered by claim 1 contains a series of projections only in the first section. That is because that is where the binding should take place. In the device taught in Gayer, the entire device is covered with fibrillar wires (see FIGS. 1, 3 and 9). This is not what the present invention needs. Therefore, claim 1 is not made obvious by a combination of these two references. Also claims 6, 8, and 11-12 should be patentable if claim 1 is patentable.

Claims 1 and 10 stand rejected as unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Ohgushi or Lee. The arguments set forth above with respect to these

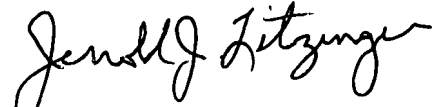
two references apply to an obviousness rejection. There is no suggestion or teaching in either reference which would make claim 1 unpatentable.

Therefore, claim 10 should also be patentable.

An extension of time is included with this amendment; if any other fees are due, please charge them to Deposit Account #12-1677.

As it seems that all the claims remaining in this application are allowable, a notice of allowance is respectfully solicited for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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